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Amrany, et al.

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Docket No. 60704-1841

For: **Increased Output Swing Line Drivers for Operation at Supply Voltages that Exceed the Breakdown Voltage of the Integrated Circuit Technology**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In regard to the above-referenced application, the Applicants submit the following preliminary amendments and remarks to be respectively entered and considered prior to examination.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor

(including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following clean-text paragraph for the paragraph on page 1, lines 6-8:

The present application is a division of U.S. patent application serial no. 09/637,748, filed on August 11, 2000, which claimed the benefit of co-pending U.S. provisional patent application, issued serial number 60/149,062, and filed August 16, 1999, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4-46 and 51, without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

In the parent U.S. patent application (Serial No. 09/637,748), an Office Action was mailed on June 15, 2001, issuing a restriction. Specifically, Applicant was asked to elect between claims 52-58 (Claim Group I) and claims 1-51 (Claim Group II). In that application, Applicant elected to continue prosecution on claims 4-46 and 51, canceling claims 1-4, 47-50 and 52-58. In this divisional application, Applicant continues the prosecution on claims 1-4, 47-50, and 52-58, canceling claims 1-46 and 51 (above).

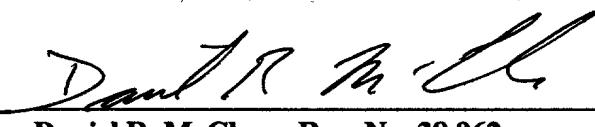
Applicant respectfully submit that claims 1-4, 47-50 and 52-58 are in proper condition for allowance, and respectfully request that the Examiner pass this case to issuance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

A check in the amount of \$908.00 for the filing fee has been enclosed herewith. No additional fee is believed to be due in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. Any deficiency or additional fees that may be required are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

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Annotated Version of the Specification

The paragraph on page 1, lines 6-8 has been amended as follows:

The present application is a division of U.S. patent application serial no. 09/637,748, filed on August 11, 2000, which claimed [The present application claims] the benefit of co-pending U.S. provisional patent application, issued serial number 60/149,062, and filed August 16, 1999, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

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**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION
UNDER
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

First Named Inventor	Amrany, et al.
Title	Increased Output Swing Line Drivers for Operation at Supply Voltages that Exceed the Breakdown Voltage of the Integrated Circuit Technology
Attorney Docket No.	60705-1331

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

Nov 9, 2001

Date



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This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application upon filing.

Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

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